CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1.-38.   (Cancelled)

39.   (Previously Presented) A method comprising:

receiving, over a global computer network, an unsolicited request from a first computer system coupled to the global computer network for a second computer system coupled to the global computer network to provide an identification of the second computer system;

in response to the request, providing a visual interface on the second computer system to notify both a user of the second computer system of the request and prompt the user to allow or deny the request; and

in response to the user allowing the request providing a hash value to the first computer system, the hash value being generated by encryption of a key associated with a first computer system with an identifier that identifies the second computer system.

40.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 39, wherein the identifier that identifies the second computer system comprises a processor number.

41.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 39, wherein the key indicates an address of a web site of the first computer system.

42.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 39, wherein the first computer system is located at a remote location relative to the second computer system.

43.   (Previously Presented) An article comprising a storage medium readable by a first processor-based system, the storage medium storing instructions to cause a processor of the first processor-based system to:

receive an unsolicited request over a global computer network from a first computer system coupled to the global computer network for a second computer system to provide an identification of the second computer system;

in response to the request, provide a visual interface on the second computer system to notify both a user of the second computer system of the request and prompt the user to allow or deny the request; and

in response to the user allowing the request, provide a hash value to the first computer system, the hash value being generated by encryption of a key associated with the first computer system with an identifier that identifies the second computer system.

44.   (Previously Presented) The article of claim 43, wherein the identifier that identifies the second computer system comprises a processor number.

45.   (Previously Presented) The article of claim 43, wherein the key indicates an address of a web site of the first computer system.

46.   (Previously Presented) The article of claim 43, wherein the first computer system is located at a remote location relative to the second computer system.

47.   (Previously Presented) A system comprising:

a database; and

a first computer coupled to the database to:

receive an unsolicited request over a global computer network from a second computer coupled to the global computer network for the first computer to provide an identification of the first computer;

in response to the request, provide a visual interface on the first computer to notify both a user of the first computer of the request and prompt the user to allow or deny the request; and

in response to the user allowing the request, provide a hash value to the second computer, the hash value being generated by encryption of a key associated with the second computer with an identifier that identifies the first computer.

48.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 47, wherein the identifier that identifies the first computer comprises a processor number.

49.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 47, wherein the key indicates an address of a web site of the second computer.

50.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 47, wherein the second computer is located at a remote location relative to the first computer.

51.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~23~~ 39, further comprising:

based on a response of the user to the request, selectively communicating the key to a browser of the second computer system.

52.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~23~~ 39, further comprising:

providing an error indication to the first computer system in response to the user denying the request.

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